TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, 11th April 1923.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-twenty-two of the Clock, with the Deputy President in the Chair

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai, Member co-opted for the purposes of the Nanjanad Vellala Bill, was sworn in.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Inspection Work of the Darbar Physician in 1096 and 1097.

157. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the hospitals inspected by the Darbar Physician on each of the 35 days in 1096 and on the 12 days up to the 20th Mithunam in 1097 on which he was away from the capital on circuit; the number of days on tour in 1096 and 1097 on which he went out of Trivandrum for inspection and returned during the course of the day; and also the names of the hospitals inspected on each of such days?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Two statements * giving the information required by the member are laid on the table.

Local Purchase of Medicines for the Medical Department.

158. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Governmen be pleased to state the price of the medicines purchased for the Medica Department under the item "local purchase" in 1095, 1096 and 1097?

* *Vide* Appendices I & II—pages 586 to 589.

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[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(*b*) Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that medical officers have rejected as unserviceable many of the medicines under "local purchase"?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) A statement giving the information required by the member is given below. The cost shown against each year includes the cost of quinine.

Year.	Rs.
1095 ...	30,508
1096 ...	73,412
1097 ...	71,621

(*b*) No.

Swiss Milk in Hospitals.

159. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to give the date from which Swiss milk began to be got down for use in hospitals?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity and price of Swiss milk got down in each of the subsequent years?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Swiss milk began to be purchased for use in hospitals from the beginning of 1090.

(*b*) The quantity and price of Swiss milk purchased each year from 1090 are noted below:—

Year.	No. of cases.*	Price Rs.
1090 ...	667 ...	5,829
1091 ...	422 ...	4,861
1092 ...	558 ...	9,624
1093 ...	289 ...	5,688
1094 ...	512 ...	10,842
1095 ...	527 ...	11,148
1096 ...	373 ...	7,917
1097 ...	385 ...	8,237

Transfers of Assistant Surgeon John Hilkiah.

160. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (i) Will the Government be pleased to state how many times and to what places Mr. John Hilkiah, Assistant Surgeon, was transferred in each of the years 1096 and 1097?

(ii) Will they be pleased to state the amount spent by them under travelling allowance on account of such transfers?

(iii) Will they also be pleased to state the reason for the omission of Mr. John Hilkiah's name from the statement placed on the table in the answer to Q. 81 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 17th Karkatakam, 1097?

* 1 case contains 48 tins.

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